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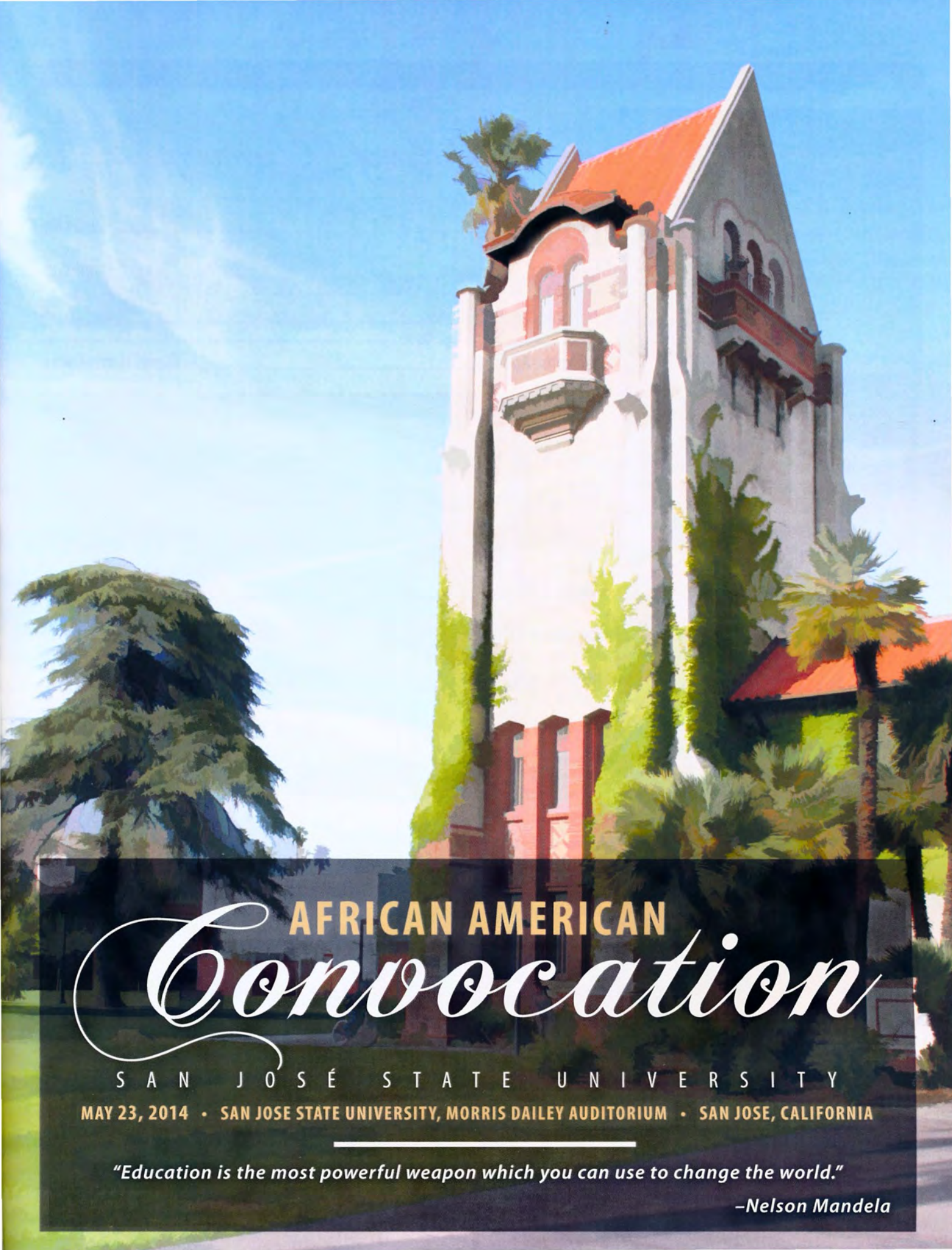
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FRIDAY, MAY 23RD, 2014 • 6 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

MORRIS DAILEY AUDITORIUM • SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY • SAN JOSE, CA

"Standing on the shoulders of our past, continuing to move forward" - Tierney Yates



AFRICAN AMERICAN *Convocation*

SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY

MAY 23, 2014 • SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY, MORRIS DAILEY AUDITORIUM • SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

—Nelson Mandela



Order of Ceremony

Processional.....	Good Life
Invocation.....	Pastor Jason C. Reynolds
National Negro Anthem.....	Gospel Choir
Welcome Address.....	Daniel Harris-Lucas
Faculty Welcome.....	Art King
Student Performance #1.....	Tiye Garrett
Intro of First Student Speaker.....	Dominique Williams
Student Speaker #1.....	Kevin Davis
Student Performance #2.....	Gospel Choir
Introduce Keynote Speaker.....	Therren Wilburn
Keynote Speaker.....	Nate Howard
Student Performance #3.....	Christiana Cobb
Presentation of Student Awards.....	Felicia McKee & Joy Vickers
Intro to NPHC.....	Milan Balinton
NPHC Unity Step.....	Omegas, Deltas, Zetas, Iota, Kappas
Presentation of Graduating Class.....	Faculty
Hooding of Master Students.....	Dr. Andy Feinstein, Provost
Intro Alumni Speaker.....	Amber Martin
Alumni Speaker	Wanda Hendrix
Closing Remarks.....	Alyx Goodwin
Turning of Tassels.....	Faculty
Turning of Tassels/ Recessional.....	Dance Tonight

A MESSAGE FROM THE *African American Commencement Committee*



Dear Family, Friends, Supporters and Loved ones,

We would first like to thank you all for the love, support, encouragement and financial contributions you all have imparted on us through these years of college. This academic journey we have taken here at San Jose State University, would not have been a success without you. As we leave San Jose State University and move forward with our lives, we would like to recognize you for your blessings and impact in our lives, you all have made to us.

During the 32nd African American Convocation, we are honoring the students who have accomplished their goals in education and committed themselves to being exceptional members and leaders of San Jose State University student body.

We would like to show gratitude to our sponsors for their heartfelt donations and contributions to the graduates as well as today's ceremony.

In closing please take a moment to acknowledge all those who assisted on the planning committee to make this ceremony a success. Beautiful job Committee!

Congrats 2014 Graduates!

We want to wish all the graduates the best with all their future endeavors. You all have put in work over these past few years for this day. WE DID IT! WE DID IT!

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Dearest Graduate,

Congratulations on your graduation! I am proud and honored to celebrate your success with you.

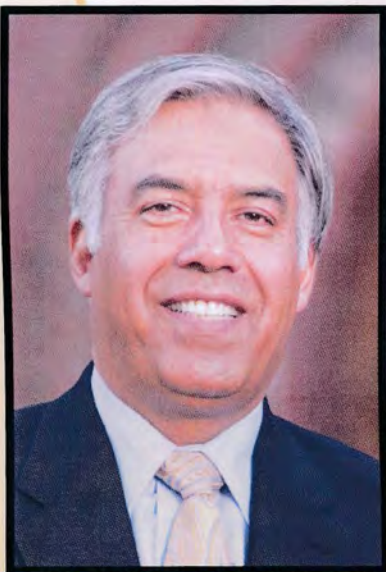
You have worked long and hard to earn your degree. Commencement is not only the culmination of your college career, but also the beginning of a new journey. Treasure this moment of success and embrace the journey ahead.

Your opportunities will be as varied as your interests, and you will have a chance to make a difference in the world. Today, you join the ranks of leaders and professionals who have graduated from this institution and have become a part of its history. Like them, your role will be to help shape our society's development.

Education is a life-long process, and I wish you well as you continue your intellectual accomplishments and personal growth. San José State University is very proud of you. And today, you can be proud to call yourself a Spartan.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Qayoumi".

Mohammad H. Qayoumi, Ph.D.
President
San José State University





Our Guest Speaker

Nate Howard graduated from USC's Annenberg School for Communication & Journalism in May 2013, where he studied communication with an emphasis in entertainment. During his time in college, Nate created Movement BE, a multimedia platform amplifying the voices of the millennial generation. He launched his first project "BE the Music," a college television show focusing on music inspiration, interviewing top artists such as J Cole, Nicki Minaj and Ice Cube. With much success, Nate was asked to shoot a pilot for "The Nate Howard Show," on mtvU, showcasing top emerging talent.



As a college host, he has emceed events with over 10,000 students, often performing his poetry before introducing acts. In spring of 2013, he was featured on the front page of the LA Times delivering one of his most compelling speeches against racial profiling in response to a party incident with LAPD. Upon graduation, Nate went back to his high school in San Diego and created "BE the Voice," to inspire youth to turn their personal narratives into solutions for change. Along with directing Movement BE, Nate is the national event manager for Campus DJ, a collegiate DJ competition where he travels the country to find the best college DJs. He also records music, and is a songwriter working with Atlantic Records. Moving forward in his career, he would like to sustain today's most pressing issues through the realms of popular culture by creating effective strategies that combine advocacy and entertainment through innovative platforms.

2014 Graduates

Sophia Momina Ahmed



Bachelor of Arts

Major: Communication Studies

Minor: Business

Plans Post-Graduation:

I plan to take some time to travel and grow as an individual through real life experiences before starting my nonprofit.

Future Aspirations:

I hope to one day start my own nonprofit organization based in the Bay Area to help teens who come from unfortunate circumstances. I also hope to one day open a school in Ethiopia that way I can give back to my families native land.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

"I am not a product of my circumstances. I am a product of my decisions". –Stephen Covey

Elisabeth Mengist Alemayehu



Bachelor of Science

Major: Occupational Therapy

Minor: Child Development

Organization Affiliation(s):

Chapter of Sigma Alpha Pi, The National Society of Leadership and Success.
Student Occupational Therapy Association

Plans Post-Graduation:

After graduation, I am planning on going to grad school, and also through AIESEC volunteer abroad for a couple of weeks.

Future Aspirations:

My Future Aspiration is to find a motivating place of work, a place where I could use my knowledge, skills and abilities and improve. Live a life where I have been able to travel across the world and experience peoples and cultures. A life full of learning and knowledge which I have used to makes others life better.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

"You have power over your mind - not outside events. Realize this, and you will find strength."
Marcus Aurelius, Meditations

2014 Graduates

Victor C. Amadi



Bachelor of Science

Major: Justice Studies

Minor: Human Rights

Organization Affiliation(s):

EOP

Plans Post-Graduation:

After graduating I plan to pursue a Law Degree and continue to advocate for disadvantage people.

Future Aspirations:

My future aspirations include traveling the world and running for public office.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

START WHERE YOU ARE.

USE WHAT YOU HAVE.

DO WHAT YOU CAN.

-ARTHUR ASHE

Uzoma Paul Amuchie



Bachelor of Arts

Major: African American Studies

Minor: Kinesiology

Organization Affiliation(s):

BSU, NSA, Physical Therapy Club

2014 Graduates

Marlon Lamont Baker



Bachelor of Arts Major: Communication Studies

Plans Post-Graduation:

I plan to continue my academic career by pursuing my masters degree in Communication Studies.

Future Aspirations:

My plans for the future are to pursue a career in the entertainment industry regarding games, film, television, or music.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

Only share your success with those who shared your struggle.

Danielle Ball



Bachelor of Science Major: Business Administration, concentration in Finance

Plans Post-Graduation:

I plan to enter my career field as a financial advisor or consultant in a well-established or start-up firm in Southern California.

Future Aspirations:

I aspire to launch my own financial services and consulting firm, as a CFO, of course. I want to create another Fortune 500 company & be featured in Forbes Magazine.

I plan to give back to my community by creating a non-profit organization with recreation centers that offers tutoring, extra-curricular activities, and a safe haven for foster youth & children of low-income families.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door." -Milton Berle

2014 Graduates

Christophe Anthony Beezer



Bachelor of Arts

Major: Radio Television Film

Minor: Photography

Organization Affiliation(s):

Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity

Plans Post-Graduation:

Find a full time job in video production or at a TV station in production. I may return to either San Jose State or another school for a graduate program.

Moné U. Blackburn



Bachelor of Science

Major: Health Science and Recreation

Organization Affiliation(s):

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.

Gospel Choir

NPHC

HSUSA

BSU

Plans Post-Graduation:

Graduate School and furthering my career in public and community health

Future Aspirations:

I aspire to improve health protection in communities and as a result I want to become an Emergency Planning Coordinator, Environmental Health Officer, and/or Public Health Nurse.... And maybe working for Centers of Disease Control... The sky is the limit

Quote for the Class of 2014:

Good, Better, Best, never let them rest....Until your good is better and your better is your BEST....

2014 Graduates

Kenyana Booker



Bachelor of Arts Major: Child & Adolescent Development Minor: Psychology

Plans Post-Graduation:

I plan to further my career working in the field of education.

Future Aspirations:

Get my Masters Degree

Diana Mwole Busaka



Bachelor of Science Major: Occupational Therapy Minor: Psychology

Organization Affiliation(s):

Resident Advisor - University Housing Services, Student Ambassador - Student Outreach & Recruitment
Mental Health Ambassador - Counseling Services, Student-at-Large/Volunteer - Associated Students
Programming Board, Office Assistant - University Housing Services, Voting Member & Pro-staff Appreciation
Chair - National Residence Hall Honorary, Hall Government Liaison - Resident Advisor - University Housing
Services, Orientation Leader - Orientation and Transition (2012), Transfer Orientation - Academic Advising and
Retention Services (2013)

Plans Post-Graduation:

Return to San Jose State University for a Master of Science degree in Occupational Therapy

Future Aspirations:

Continue to work with student leaders and in leadership development in all aspects of college and university
life. In doing so, utilize my Occupational Therapy degree to work with student athletes or students at a college or
university campus.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

"Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle and the life of that candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared." - Buddha

2014 Graduates

Emily Butts



Bachelor of Science

Major: Occupational Therapy

Organization Affiliation(s):

Soka Lions
Student Occupational Therapy Association

Plans Post-Graduation:

Visit New Orleans and vacation in Maya, Mexico.

Future Aspirations:

Returning to school to get my MA in Occupational therapy.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

"What you do speaks so loudly I can hardly hear what you say". -Ralph Waldo Emerson

Cameron Isaiah Cash



Bachelor of Arts

Major: Public Relations

Minor: Psychology

Organization Affiliation(s):

African American Commencement Committee, Black Student Union, Public Relations Students Society of America, American Advertising Federation - College Chapter, Spartan Advertising Club, Dwight Bentel & Hall Communications

Plans Post-Graduation:

After graduation, I plan on pursuing my love for consulting in the field of Public Relations, preferably in an agency environment where I get to utilize many skills with many different clients. I also plan on taking my photography and guitar skills to the next level.

Future Aspirations:

My future aspirations include achieving a master's degree, reaching my dream job, and giving back to my family. I plan to serve as a mentor to the youth, and establish a household where everyone is welcomed and free to stop by whenever they need advice or a place to "kick it".

Quote for the Class of 2014:

"I'm not saying I'm gonna change the world, but I guarantee that I will spark the brain that will change the world."
- Tupac Amaru Shakur

2014 Graduates

Tieara Daniele Caron



Bachelor of Science

Major: Public Relations

Organization Affiliation(s):

90.5 KSJS Ground Zero Radio, student run radio station on-campus, On-Air personality
PRSSA-Pearce Alpha Davies Chapter, Event Coordinator, Secretary

Plans Post-Graduation:

Currently working within my field as a PR Coordinator for California's Great America for the 2014 Season. I will continue working there and staying in San Jose to find any other opportunities presented my way.

Future Aspirations:

I would like to work in the entertainment industry or digital side of public relations. Ultimately I see myself opening my own consulting firm providing services such as but not limited to, brand management and campaign planning. Hopefully one day I can come back to SJSU as a guest speaker to motivate other young professionals and share my story.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

"Dreams don't work unless you do."

Jazzmyn R. Chatman



Bachelor of Arts

Major: Psychology

Plans Post-Graduation:

Post graduation, I will pursue a Masters in Clinical Psychology and eventually obtain a Postdoctoral degree in Political Science.

Future Aspirations:

Either I want to open my own non-profit family counseling agency or develop policies that enhance Public Health.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not to your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your path straight." -Proverbs 3:5-10

2014 Graduates

Clarence Chima



Bachelor of Arts

Major: Economics

Minor: Communications

Organization Affiliation(s):

BIA- Banking And Investment Association

VP of Business Development Fall 2012

VP of Finance Spring 2013

Quote for the Class of 2014:

"Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it" - Michael Jordan

Christiana S. Cobb



Bachelor of Science

Major: Journalism, focus in Justice Studies

Organization Affiliation(s):

Black Campus Ministries and InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

Plans Post-Graduation:

Seeking a career where I can pursue both ministry and journalism and continue to hear and tell the stories of the voiceless.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

This is a class of critical thinkers, activists, story-tellers, entrepreneurs and more. I just hope the world is ready."
-Christiana Cobb

2014 Graduates

Robert Crayton



Bachelor of Arts

Major: Sociology

Minor: Business

Perry Lee Crew Jr.



Bachelor of Arts

Major: Psychology

Minor: African American Studies

Organization Affiliation(s):
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.

Plans Post-Graduation:
When I graduate I plan on getting my masters in Behavioral Counseling. I also plan to give back to my community.

Future Aspirations:
I plan to be either a social worker or a Case manger for children. If that doesn't work out I will start my own business.

Quote for the Class of 2014:
"The best of all things is to learn. Money can be lost or stolen, health and strength may fail, but what you have committed to your mind is yours forever." -Louis L'Amour

2014 Graduates

Leah Crier



Bachelor of Arts Major: Psychology

Plans Post-Graduation:

I plan to take some time off, get some experience in the workfield, then go to grad school.

Future Aspirations:

To be successful as an industrial / organizational psychologist, and to live a very happy life.

Kevin Vernell Davis



Bachelor of Arts Major: Theatre Arts

Organization Affiliation(s):

President Of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity Inc.

Student Traveling Ensemble Program (Acting)

Plans Post-Graduation:

On June 1st I am headed to "Hollywood". I have worked very hard over the past three years performing around the Bay Area, but now I am ready to hit the "Big Screen's". If you see me on television screen don't flip that channel.

Future Aspirations:

My goal is to become well known actor within the next five years. I want to travel the world doing films, and theatre shows, and produce, and direct my own film. I would love to leave this world knowing that over a few decades I have touched the hearts of people for a lifetime.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

"A dollar you find don't have much meaning, but a dollar you earn means your capable"

2014 Graduates

Bryeana Dimery



Bachelor of Arts

Major: Communication Studies

Minor: Forensic Studies

Plans Post-Graduation:

I plan to continue my education and ultimately become a Doctor of Pharmacy by obtaining a PharmD/MBA dual degree.

Future Aspirations:

My major aspiration is to head a pharmaceutical distribution center to make medication more accessible to those in under-served and underprivileged countries.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

"The greatness of a man is not in how much wealth he acquires, but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively."

-Bob Marley

Ayjonique Patricia Dismukes



Bachelor of Science

Major: Justice Studies

Plans Post-Graduation:

After graduation I plan on finding work that will help hone my people skills. Since I plan on being in the helping field, hopefully I can find work and volunteer opportunities that I can gain experience from and better prepare me to work with people that like me, face adversity yet have the potential to succeed. I hope to be a resource to them. I also plan on traveling around the U.S. and spend time with my family.

Future Aspirations:

One of my future aspirations is to attend Graduate school and get into a Masters program at a school that I LOVE. I plan on getting my Master's degree in Educational Counseling and afterwards I plan on working at a community college.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

"Defining myself, as opposed to being defined by others, is one of the most difficult challenges I face."

- Carol Moseley-Braun

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

- Mark 11:24 (ESV)

2014 Graduates

Jasmine Tramaine Eaddy



Bachelor of Arts Major: Communication Studies

Organization Affiliation(s):

Vice President & Director of Chapter Communications for Coaching Corps at San Jose State University, Assistant to Junior Spartans at San Jose State University under the Athletic Department, Chair of the African American Commencement Committee, 2013 Homecoming King

Plans Post-Graduation:

Obtaining a position through NBC Universal Careers, KMAX-TV Station, KCRA 3 News, KGO Bay Area News, and the White House Initiative's Year-round Internship Program. As well as, doing humanitarian work while touring the different states. Acquiring a Master of Fine Arts in Digital Production or Television Production.

Future Aspirations:

To be a producer for these networks which includes, but not limit to: Paramount Pictures, Universal Studios, Oprah Winfrey Network, Black Entertainment Television Networks, National Basketball Association Television, Turner Sports, Sony Pictures, Warner Bros. Pictures, 20th Century Fox, Walt Disney Pictures, Lions Gate Entertainment, and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

I can't take the credit for my life being so blessed and secured because my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has guided me through this path with much promising. Giving up is not an option, I have to keep moving forward and achieve my aspiration.

Danielle Erves



Bachelor of Science Major: Public Relations

Organization Affiliation(s):

PRSSA

Future Aspirations:

To become a sports agent.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

"Life begins at the end of your comfort zone."

2014 Graduates

Tiye Garrett



Bachelor of Arts Major: Social Science Minor: Emphasis in Women's Studies

Future Aspirations:

I desire to make a difference in the community by working for a non-profit organization who service the needs of children and their families. I want to become the change I hope to see!

Quote for the Class of 2014:

"Character plus intelligence, that is the true goal of education." -Martin Luther King Jr.

Alyxandra Sierra Goodwin



Bachelor of Arts Major: Journalism Minor: African-American Studies

Organization Affiliation(s):

Cesar Chavez Community Action Center, Strive for College, Black Unity Group, Black Student Union, Black Grad committee

Plans Post-Graduation:

I want to continue advocating for African-American student success in all levels of education, and getting lots of sleep.

Future Aspirations:

My future will consist of creating a better experience for African-Americans of all ages in different communities because that is what I'm passionate about, but also to help shape a better future for my daughter.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

"By any means necessary" - Malcolm X

2014 Graduates

Jacqueline Goodwin



Bachelor of Arts Major: Creative Arts Prep for Teaching

Plans Post-Graduation:

Post-Graduation, I plan to apply to a credential and masters program and eventually become a middle school language arts teacher. I plan to also become certified as a Zumba fitness instructor.

Future Aspirations:

I eventually want to become a principal and then serve as a superintendent for a school district.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

¹ To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: ² A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; ³ A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; ⁴ A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; ⁵ A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶ A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; ⁷ A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; ⁸ A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

- Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Kanisha Green



Bachelor of Arts Major: Sociology Minor: Social Work

Plans Post-Graduation:

My plan is to find a job in the Social Work field and look into attending grad school.

Future Aspirations:

My future plan is receive my Masters in Social Work and become a Medical Social Worker.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

"You can do all things through Christ that strengthens you" Philippians 4:13

2014 Graduates

Daniel R. Harris-Lucas



Bachelor of Science

Major: Public Relations

Minor: Theater Arts

Organization Affiliation(s):

Public Relations Director of Men Creating Change, Public Relations Director of Public Relations Student Society of America, Educational Opportunities Program Mentor, 2013 Homecoming King

Plans Post-Graduation:

My post-graduation plans are to work in Southern California during the summer & then move back to Washington D.C. to start graduate school in the fall at Georgetown University. I will be doing my graduate degree work for a Masters of Professional Studies in Public Relations/ Corporate Communications with an emphasis in Crisis Management.

Future Aspirations:

My aspirations are to open my own crisis management/reputation management consulting firm, where I would work with clients who have crises. Yes, I want to be the next Scandal like Olivia Pope, lol. My biggest aspiration is to go back to Oakland, CA & open up a non-profit aimed to help expose young children to college at an early age & help them get out of Oakland and into a college classroom to obtain a degree after they graduate high school.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

"You may not always have a comfortable life and you will not always be able to solve all of the world's problems at once, but don't ever underestimate the importance you can have because history has shown us that courage can be contagious, and hope can take on a life of its own." - Michelle Obama

Sabari Hasan



Bachelor of Science

Major: Public Relations

Minor: Business

Organization Affiliation(s):

Men Creating Change, Delta Sigma Phi, Public Relations Student Society of America, Residential Adviser

Plans Post-Graduation:

Traveling. I believe I can find myself when I am losing myself. The best thing I can do for myself is to do for myself while it is my only responsibility. I want to travel for at least three months in South America.

Future Aspirations:

Hopefully in the future I will just be comfortable. A lot of people want money or fame. I just want to be happy and comfortable. So everything I will be doing in my life will be towards the goal of making me happy and comfortable.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

The thing about "tomorrow" and "later" is that it never really comes. You only ever have right now and today. You only have one today, so make it amazing!!

2014 Graduates

Caroline Diane Johnson



Bachelor of Arts Major: Behavioral Science

Plans Post-Graduation:
Masters program at San Jose State University

Future Aspirations:
Become a Christian Counselor

Quote for the Class of 2014:
"Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending" - Carl Bard

Dejeiner King



Master of Arts Major: Counselor Education

Organization Affiliation(s):
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Plans Post-Graduation:
I need a vacation

Future Aspirations:
I want to be able to help people that want to better themselves. I want to put 100% in everything I do in life.

Quote for the Class of 2014:
"We are not superheroes, we are just determined and that's powerful enough"

2014 Graduates

Zakiya Konadu



Bachelor of Arts Major: Behavioral Science

Organization Affiliation(s):

Sigma Theta Psi multicultural sorority, Sigma Alpha Lambda Honors and Leadership Organization

Plans Post-Graduation:

Travel and start my career

Future Aspirations:

To make a significant difference in the workplace for all people

Quote for the Class of 2014:

Be patient--think, listen, and heed signs for personal gain

Sabrina-Moné Lamontagne



Bachelor of Science

Major: General Business

Organization Affiliation(s):

Black Campus Ministry, AACSA, Black Unity Group

2014 Graduates

Mimi Lebreton



Bachelor of Arts Major: African American Studies

Plans Post-Graduation:

To go back to Port-Au-Prince, Haiti

Future Aspirations:

To build schools in my country

Quote for the Class of 2014:

"Don't be in such a hurry to condemn a person because he doesn't do what you do, or think as you think. There was a time when you didn't know what you know today" - Malcolm X

Genevieve LaDawn Lewis



Bachelor of Arts Major: Psychology

Organization Affiliation(s):

Suicide and Crisis Services, Fresh Lifelines for Youths-Mentoring, HomeFirst-Homeless Services

Plans Post-Graduation:

I plan to keep volunteering across the Bay Area, in hopes of making a name for myself throughout the nonprofit community.

Future Aspirations:

I plan to eventually finish my educational career as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. One day I would like to establish a non-profit geared towards teen mothers. Regardless of what I do or don't do in the future, I hope to make my granny and son, in heaven, proud of me.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

"Don't limit yourself. Many people limit themselves to what they think they can do. You can go as far as your mind lets you. What you believe, remember, you can achieve". - Mary Kay Ash (as quoted by my Goddie)

2014 Graduates

Michael T. Madison Jr.



Bachelor of Arts Major: Behavioral Science Minor: Sociology

Organization Affiliation(s):

EOP
Gospel Choir

Plans Post-Graduation:

Applying to a Master Program in Educational Leadership.

Future Aspirations:

Getting involved in Education Reform and Policy.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

Always continue to self-educate.

Amber Shaunte' Martin



Bachelor of Science Major: Public Relations Minor: Communications

Organization Affiliation(s):

Black Student Union, PRSSA

Plans Post-Graduation:

As a recent graduate and new to the workforce, I'm still very much finding my niche and exploring what factions I excel at in the field of public relations. My goals post graduation include working in an agency ran PR firm, where I can be exposed to different clients and explore all of the different aspects within the industry.

Future Aspirations:

In the future, I'd like to work in the entertainment sector of public relations. I would love to move to either Los Angeles or New York and work within the crisis management division at a reputable PR firm.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

Don't let anyone rob you of your imagination, your creativity, or your curiosity. It's your place in the world; it's your life. Go on and do all you can with it, and make it the life you want to live. -Mae Jemison

2014 Graduates

Charles Musoke



Bachelor of Science

Major: Business Administration (Management)

Organization Affiliation(s):
BSU

Plans Post-Graduation:
Grad School, Business Owner, Become DBA (Doctor of Business Administration).

Quote for the Class of 2014:
We believed and now we have achieved, let's achieve even more!!!

David Jose Nelson



Bachelor of Science

Major: Business Administration (Management)

Organization Affiliation(s):
Greater Grace Worship Center Ministries
Homeless Aid
Youth Counseling

Plans Post-Graduation:
Starting an administrative job that promotes philanthropy, moving into my own house, enrolling my son into preschool, and getting more involved in community outreach.

Future Aspirations:
To start my own non-profit organization aiding unprivileged youth and uniting broken families.

Quote for the Class of 2014:
It is your responsibility, to be obedient to God's vision for you

2014 Graduates

Ishunay Fred Larry Nelson



Bachelor of Science

Major: Computer Engineering

Minor: Math

Plans Post-Graduation:

After graduation the real journey begins. The summary of my life's work will be using technology to help people. All my life I been helping people reach there goals or getting through tough times with whatever resources, energy, and talent I had. With a computer engineering degree I will incorporate my deeper understanding of engineering, life, and humanity to make it a better place one person, decision, and act of kindness and love at a time.

Future Aspirations:

I plan to use my company, Diamond Rock Consulting (DRC), as a vehicle to arrive at my destiny. I have hope to travel the world (Africa, Spain, Brazil, India, Japan, Germany, China, Hawaii, to name a few). I also plan to go to Disney World and see Walt Disney's Dream. I believe it will energize my creativity, inventions, philosophies, music, and career. Additionally, like Martin Luther King, Nikola Tesla, and Walt Disney, my life long dreams may not be fully operational in my time, but generations to come will benefit from my life long work.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

Our virtues and our failings are inseparable, like force and matter. When they separate, man is no more.

Nikola Tesla

I do not think there is any thrill that can go through the human heart like that felt by the inventor as he sees some creation of the brain unfolding to success... such emotions make a man forget food, sleep, friends, love, everything.

Nikola Tesla

Mojisola Oladimeji



Bachelor of Science

Major: Business Administration, concentration in Management

Organization Affiliation(s):

Sigma Theta Psi Multicultural Sorority

Women of Color

National Residence Hall Honorary

Plans Post-Graduation:

I have accepted an Executive Management position with Target.

Future Aspirations:

I am destined to become a corporate event planner or executive manager for the NFL.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters... compared to what lies within us."

2014 Graduates

Paislei J. Patterson



Bachelor of Science

Major: Business Administration, Concentration in Marketing

Organization Affiliation(s):

Bay Area Retail Leadership Center (BARC)

Black student Union (BSU)

Plans Post-Graduation:

After graduating, I will be enrolling in a graduate program to obtain my Masters in Professional Studies in Fashion Merchandising and Retail Management.

Future Aspirations:

I aspire to work in the realm of fashion, more specifically, the corporate aspect, which would allow me to fuse my business savvy with my creativity to produce innovative and enduring products.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

"Think big thoughts, but relish small pleasures."

-- H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Gerica S. Preston



Bachelor of Arts

Major: Radio-Television-Film

Plans Post-Graduation:

Possibly intern at a non-profit youth center and teach film. Also attend culinary school.

Future Aspirations:

Work on film sets and possibly open a successful production company.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Romans 12:2

2014 Graduates

Destinie Tatiana Rawlings



Bachelor of Science

Major: Pre-Occupational Therapy

Organization Affiliation(s):

EOP & California Community Partner for Youth (CCPY) & BSU & Christians on Campus

Plans Post-Graduation:

My plan is to continue to expand my professional skills in the field that I am pursuing and prepare for master program while going to community college to maintain my academic skill. I am currently thinking about getting another degree in English or Sociology.

Future Aspirations:

My future aspirations are to be a mentor, lifelong volunteer, mental health professional, consultant/life coach, and educator. My goal is to make a difference in my communities by one person at a time. I also want to start a non-profit organization that focus on growth, peace, and self-love.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

"The only disability in life is a bad attitude." -Scott Hamilton

Darias Reese



Bachelor of Science

Major: Kinesiology, Emphasis: Exercise and Fitness

Plans Post-Graduation:

I will be heading to Portland, Oregon to intern with Strength and Conditioning at Portland State University with the football team. Also during the summer i will be studying the GRE and taking it summer/fall. Then i will apply for graduate school in the Spring.

Future Aspirations:

I plan to become a Strength and conditioning coach for a collegiate or professional football team.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

Don't let your struggle become your identity.

2014 Graduates

Sherrale Rhines



Bachelor of Science

Major: Health Science with concentration in Gerontology

Organization Affiliation(s):

Sigma Theta Psi Multicultural Sorority
National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH)
Project SHINE Coordinator

Plans Post-Graduation:

When I graduate I plan to find a salaried job with benefits.

Future Aspirations:

In the near future I hope to be an advocate or program coordinator for the elderly population.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."
- Dr. Suess

"In response to those who say stop dreaming and face reality, I say keep dreaming and make reality." - Kristian Kan

Al'Lesse Irene Rice



Bachelor of Arts

Major: Psychology

Plans Post-Graduation:

Volunteer work as a college prep advisor at my high school.

Future Aspirations:

To work in the neuroscience field of psychology.

2014 Graduates

Danielle Petrice Ross



Bachelor of Arts

Major: Psychology

Minor: Human Rights

Plans Post-Graduation:

I plan to hopefully pursue my J.D. degree in Criminal Law or Civil Rights Law at Howard University School of Law

Future Aspirations:

My future aspirations are to be a Civil Rights Lawyer, establish my own firm and restorative justice program for juveniles.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me"

Ryan Scarlett



Bachelor of Science

Major: Kinesiology, emphasis in Sports Management

Plans Post-Graduation:

To start my career in the field of Sports Management

Future Aspirations:

I aspire in the near future to become an entrepreneur owning and operating my own sport and events management company.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

The turn up was real!

2014 Graduates

Shanequia Shannon



Bachelor of Arts Major: Sociology/Criminology Minor: African American Studies

Organization Affiliation(s):

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc, Eta Omega Chapter, San Jose State University Gospel Choir, California Re-entry Program Volunteer Case Worker at San Quentin State Prison, Student Strategic Planner with the Sociology Department, Student Online Career Orientation Planner with the Sociology Department

Plans Post-Graduation:

- Receive my MSW
- Become a case manager for Alameda, Santa Clara, Contra Costa, or San Marin County
- Become a Probation Officer and Correctional Treatment Specialist

Future Aspirations:

- Create scholarship funds for young mothers and fathers in Oakland so that they can receive a college education
- Create a weekend retreat/team building program for At Risk youth living in impoverished communities
- Operate a free day care center for working young mothers and fathers living in low income areas

Quote for the Class of 2014:

"Don't settle for average. Bring your best to the moment. Then, whether it fails or succeeds, at least you know you gave all you had. We need to live the best that's in us". - Angela Bassett

Alicia L. Simpson



Bachelor of Science Major: Advertising Minor: Business Marketing

Organization Affiliation(s):

Member, Black Student Union Graphic Designer, African American Commencement 2014 Member, Spartan Advertising Club Member, American Advertising Association Creative Director, SJSU Spartan Daily Newspaper 2014, 2013 4A's (MAIP) Multicultural Advertising Internship Program Alumni Vice President, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Eta Omega Chapter 2013-2014, American Red Cross, Pomona Valley, Bloodmobile Volunteer, 2012 Miss Black of the Alpha Phi Alpha, Epsilon Mu Chapter's Miss Black & Gold Pageant

Plans Post-Graduation:

To obtain my Masters Degree in Advertising or Business Marketing, or land a Creative Director position at a dynamic agency in New York City or Los Angeles.

Future Aspirations:

To be the next Chief Executive Officer or Creative Director at an astounding agency like : Wieden+Kennedy, Ogilvy+Mather, BBH, McGarry Bowen, DraftFCB, Grey Group, JWT, TBWA/Chiat/Day or any other.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

"Only as high as I reach can I grow, only as far as I seek can I go, only as deep as I look can I see, only as much as I dream can I be." - Karen Ravn

2014 Graduates

Penny LaShae Speight



Bachelor of Science

Major: Nutritional Science emphasis Nutrition Education

Organization Affiliation(s):
Black Student Union

Quote for the Class of 2014:
Be empowered by positivity.

Raeesah Wagia



Bachelor of Arts

Major: Women's Studies

Minor: African American Studies

Plans Post-Graduation:

Following graduation I plan to apply for graduate school. I plan to apply for masters in nursing at Columbia University and University of San Francisco with a concentration of midwifery.

Future Aspirations:

My future aspirations includes my career as a certified nurse midwife. I want to begin my practicing in the U.S. and open a clinic here. I want to expand my practice to other countries. I want help women in these countries give birth in a safe and healthy environment for themselves as well as their child. This is something that I ultimately aspire to.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

"By the will of God everything happens for a reason."

2014 Graduates

De Ante J. Whitman



Bachelor of Science Major: Recreation Minor: Communications

Plans Post-Graduation:

Pursue a career in the NFL, particularly in equipment management.

Future Aspirations:

Ultimately, I want to keep children active by providing a successful sports program, preferably in the City of Compton and/or South Central Los Angeles. The goal is to minimize gang violence through sports.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

"If you know who you are, that's probably the most important resource you have"

-Dr. Suzy Ross

Asha Kamaria Wilburn



**Bachelor of Arts Major: Child & Adolescent Development
Minor: Communications**

Organization Affiliation(s):

Strive for College

Black Student Union (BSU)

Black Alliance of Scientists and Engineers (BASE)

Plans Post-Graduation:

First off, I plan on taking a short break from school and possibly trying out for the Golden State Warriors dance team, or getting some full time work hopefully dealing with children or fashion. I also plan to attend grad school to get my master's in counseling.

Future Aspirations:

My ultimate goal is to become a Child Development Specialist and on that journey I hope to be a High School English teacher and Youth Counselor.

Ultimately I just want to be happy :)

Quote for the Class of 2014:

"We are vessels full of power with a treasure from the Lord" 2 Corinthians

2014 Graduates

Therren Wilburn



Bachelor of Science

Major: Kinesiology

Minor: Business

Organization Affiliation(s):

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., Xi Gamma Chapter

Plans Post-Graduation:

Attending graduate school at Long Beach State University, obtaining a Master's in Sport Management.

Future Aspirations:

In seven years I would like to be an advocate for African Americans in the athletic administration field. Someone who to those aspiring to be sport managers can see, and model their practices after.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

Dominique Williams



Bachelor of Arts

Major: Child and Adolescent Development

Organization Affiliation(s):

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Plans Post-Graduation:

After graduation I plan to further my education to become a pediatric nurse.

Future Aspirations:

I plan to be a help to the children in my community. I want to help in any way to improve their overall wellbeing, so that they can be as successful as possible.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

Turning every experience into a learning one can help your outlook on life. I have learned from every situation that has been thrown my way and I have tried to make the best of them. I have made mistakes, but learned from every single one of them. Because of that, I am here! Today I able to put a huge check mark on my "To Do List!" I have accomplished one of my biggest goals, but this is only the beginning!!! Congrats class of 2014!

2014 Graduates

Tacoleby Williams



Bachelor of Science Major: Justice Studies

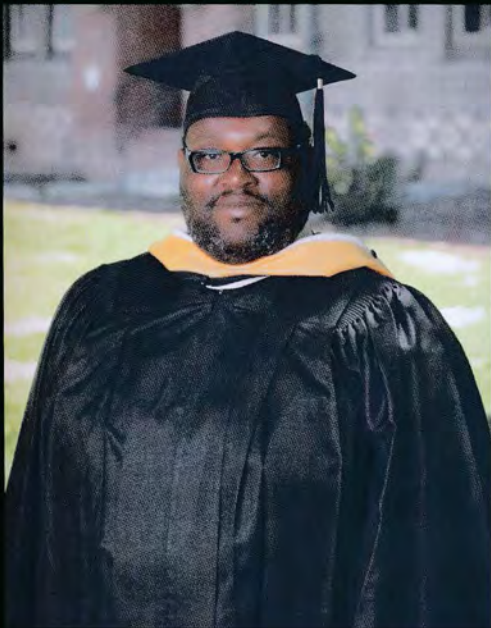
Organization Affiliation(s):
SJSU Football

Plans Post-Graduation:
To become a County of Santa Clara probation officer

Future Aspirations:
To obtain a Master degree

Quote for the Class of 2014:
Dream the impossible
Seek the unknown
Achieve greatness

John B. Wills



Master of Public Administration Major: Public Administration

Organization Affiliation(s):
Alpha Phi Alpha, AS - Programming Committee, Black Christian Group

Plans Post-Graduation:
To serve the community and to continue to help others.

Future Aspirations:
Become a better man

Quote for the Class of 2014:
To thine own self be true

2014 Graduates

Teklehaymanot Yilma



Bachelor of Arts Major: Political Science

Organization Affiliation(s):

SJSU EOP, SJSU Associated Students, University Housing Services, Office of Congresswoman Anna Eshoo

Plans Post-Graduation:

Travel then obtain a Masters in International Development

Future Aspirations:

To work in international development in an environment that fosters the importance of global citizenship and travel.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

"The unexamined life is not worth living" -Socrates

"You are a bit old fashioned, a bit modern and forward thinking. You enjoy being constantly on the go but are equally happy to spend some time away from the action. You love to learn about the history behind your surroundings, while at the same time, you are always moving yourself and your world forward. Especially if forward leads to a bar." - BuzzFeed

Tierney Trent Devonne Yates



Bachelor of Arts Major: Political Science Minor: Music and Human Rights

Organization Affiliation(s):

BSU President 10-11, Co-Founder of the Black Unity Group, Gospel Choir President 13-14, Cesar Chavez Community Action Center, SQE, Strive, FE, A.S. 55

Plans Post-Graduation:

The possibilities are limitless.

Future Aspirations:

Attain my PhD in Sociology with an emphasis on Sex, Gender, and ethnicity.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

There is no better than adversity. Every defeat, every heartbreak, every loss, contains its own seed, its own lesson on how to improve your performance the next time.

Malcolm X

2014 Graduates

Helina Vilma



Bachelor of Science

Major: Nursing

Minor: Business

Organization Affiliation(s):

Public Health Nursing Club, California Nursing Student Association, South Bay Assembly of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau (Nursing Honors Society), Phi Kappa Phi

Plans Post-Graduation:

I plan on working as an RN while also pursuing a Master's Degree in Nursing.

Future Aspirations:

I aspire to be a Nurse Practitioner and eventually working independently as a clinician.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

This is just the beginning. The opportunity to an education is so valuable and holds more weight than anything material in the world.

2014 Graduates (not photographed)

Jessy Bayne

Bachelor of Arts

Major: Communication Studies

Minor: Psychology

Organization Affiliation(s):

AEC at SJSU & Volunteer at Sacred Heart Community Service

Plans Post-Graduation:

After graduation I will be seeking employment as an advocate/counselor for disabled children, adults and senior citizens.

Future Aspirations:

My future plans are to pursue my masters degree in communications at SJSU. I plan on utilizing my communication skills by becoming a counselor/mentor for disadvantaged youth and give back to the community.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

The Lord is on my side, I will not fear: what can man do unto me? It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes. - Ps 118: 6, 8-9 (Holy Bible, KJV)

Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh that you would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that your hand would be with me and that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested. - 1 Chr 4: 9-10 (Holy Bible, KJV)

Luke Edward Blueford

Master of Science

Major: Electrical Engineering (Digital Signal Processing and Communications)

Shavon Dee Brown

Bachelor of Science

Major: Kinesiology

Organization Affiliation(s):

Tae Kwon Do Club

Physical Therapy Club

Plans Post-Graduation:

Heading on a journey towards enjoying life filled with happiness & traveling near & far on exotic adventures. :)

Future Aspirations:

Aspiring college & professional Sports Physical Therapist

Quote for the Class of 2014:

"You never know how strong you are 'til being strong is the only choice you have." - Robert Nesta Marley

2014 Graduates (not photographed)

Robert Garcia

Bachelor of Arts

Major: Philosophy

Minor: African-American Studies

Organization Affiliation(s):

M.E.X.A., Gente Unida, Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity Inc., Cesar Chavez Community Action Center - Fuerza Escolar (FÉ) & In Solidarity, Black Unity Group

Plans Post-Graduation:

Going home to Houston, Texas is top on list of future aspirations. Then traveling to South Dakota for a Native American ceremony follows and even the possibility of going to the Holy Land in the middle east. And ending ultimately finding a lifelong loved one to start a family with.

Future Aspirations:

Robert plans to get into teaching after graduation. He wants to experience being a substitute teacher and facilitate youth rite of passage circles to "at promise" youth. Then after the experience, he wants to reapply to San José State for a teaching credential program and begin in the Spring. Teaching youth from elementary to high school to even college shall be his first occupation then moving up to government, administrative, and even priesthood.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

"Seize the Time" -Bobby Seale

Noel Grigsby Jr.

Bachelor of Arts

Major: Communication Studies

Organization Affiliation(s):

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.,
Xi Gamma Chapter

Plans Post-Graduation:

Continue pursuing my dream of playing professional football

Future Aspirations:

Become a college football coach, then later becoming a sports agent.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

"There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done, there are thousands to prophecy failures. There are thousands to point out to you one by one the dangers that wait to assail you. But just buckle in with a bit of a grin, just take off your coat and go to it. Just start to sing as you tackle the thing that couldn't be don't and you'll do it"

2014 Graduates (not photographed)

Austin Jones

Bachelor of Science

Major: Business Management

Organization Affiliation(s):

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., African American Community Service Agency

Plans Post-Graduation:

Obtain a masters degree in business or a related field, and eventually find a corporate level job & begin my career.

Future Aspirations:

In the future I would like to be the owner of a business that I start from the ground up.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

Limits, like fear, are often just an illusion.

Ashley Lindsay

Bachelor of Science

Major: Industrial & Systems Engineering

Organization Affiliation(s):

Institute of Industrial Engineer (IIE), MESA Engineering Program (MEP)

Plans Post-Graduation:

I plan to and am currently working at a Manufacturing Company

Future Aspirations:

My aspiration is to further my education and receive a Masters Degree as well as continue my career as an Engineer.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine as children do. It's not just in some of us; it is in everyone. And as we let our own lights shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others."

Jamelia Lashay Little

Bachelor of Arts

Major: Child & Adolescent Development

Plans Post-Graduation:

After graduation my ideal plan would be to start teaching.

Future Aspirations:

To receive a doctorate!

Quote for the Class of 2014:

Nothing is impossible, the word itself says 'I'm possible'!

2014 Graduates (not photographed)

Mariah Mercer

Bachelor of Arts

Major: Sociology, Concentration in Community Change

Organization Affiliation(s):

Zeta Phi Beta

Peer Health Education

Plans Post-Graduation:

Studying for the TEAS exam to apply for an accelerated nursing program

Future Aspirations:

Future Health Educator working as Public Health Nurse

Quote for the Class of 2014:

Be the change you want to see in the world

Bryton Sterling Oliver

Bachelor of Arts

Major: Political Science

Organization Affiliation(s):

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc, Pi Sigma Alpha political science honor society

Plans Post-Graduation:

Attend graduate school to study international relation. Hopefully find work in the government/non profit sector where I can continue my service to the community.

Future Aspirations:

Hopefully find meaningful work and continue to live in the bay area. Learn languages and expand my experience through travel abroad.

Caleb Andrew Tate

Bachelor of Science

Major: Business - Finance

Organization Affiliation(s):

1st Church AME Zion San Jose

O.K. Program Alumni

Plans Post-Graduation:

Seminary School, Non-Profit Organization

Future Aspirations:

Go into Ministry, philanthropy

Quote for the Class of 2014:

This is the end of one chapter and the beginning of a new one.

LET GOD TURN THE PAGES!!!

2014 Graduates (not photographed)

Joy Njema Vickers

Master of Arts

Major: Counselor Education

Plans Post-Graduation:

Before going into a Ph.D or Ed.D program, I plan to take a year or two off from school. In the meantime I plan to lend my energy to other passions and pursue artistic and other life endeavors, such as becoming a published author and songwriter, travel and starting a family.

Future Aspirations:

My future aspirations include pursuing a Ph.D in Urban Education or related field, and become a professor. I would also like to work or start my own non-profit which merges my love for the arts and education to serve inner-city youth.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

I will not die an unlived life. I will not live in fear of falling or catching fire. I choose to inhabit my days, to allow my living to open me, to make me less afraid, more accessible, to loosen my heart until it becomes a wing, a torch, a promise. I choose to risk my significance, to live so that which came to me as seed goes to the next as blossom, and that which came to me as blossom, goes on as fruit. - Dawna Markova

Jason Wilson

Bachelor of Science

Major: Political Science

Future Aspirations:

Opening up a new chapter of life after college! New challenges and task in acquiring life's successes.

Quote for the Class of 2014:

"Its not what you know, its who you know, making connections are the key to success"

Genevieve LaDawn Lewis

Creating a Legacy Through Black Excellence

Best wishes to you...your journey has just begun...be the best that you can be...cause guess what, you are already are... love you.

Auntie Niecee

To say that you are determined is an understatement. To think this was ALL a dream you had now it is definitely a reality. You're graduating!!!! Proud of you Sissy! You are a blessing more than words can describe. Love you and we are ooooo soooo proud of you! Your God Sister Kimberlee

"Genny we're so proud of you. Continue on your path and success as you already experienced is inevitable." Love your cousins,
The McMillan's

Genevieve we love you keep up all the good work. The Mosley's

Right from when you were a little kid and till today, you have only given us reasons to hold our heads up in pride. We are so lucky to have you in our life. Your schooling may be over, yet remember life is still an education. Congratulations and best of luck for a successful career. Mom

Be Strong Along the Path of Life

"You've got so many possibilities ahead! Don't be too quick to limit your choices of what to do, Because you might limit your chances of unimagined joys that are waiting just for you."

"Always keep your goodness
And never lose your love.
For then you'll be rewarded with
Success you never dreamed of."

"You've already got a good idea
Of what is expected of you and wished for you.
One of the best things you can accomplish on life's pathway
Is to be a walking example of the golden rule.
Don't let anyone fool you into thinking that it is worthless;
It is one of the most valuable things you can do."

"You've got a big heart. Keep it filled with happiness. You've got a fascinating mind. Keep finding new ways to grow. Keep yearning. Keep learning. Keep trying. Keep smiling. And keep remembering that love and I are with you... everywhere you go."

Love from Heaven, Yo Boothang

You are a beautiful woman and your commitment to excellence is amazing. Let your present accomplishment stand as proof that your potential is endless and you will achieve whatever you believe. Always remember you're loved. Highest blessings, Love, Gerald

With every experience you alone are paint your own canvas thought by thought choice by choice Best of luck in all of your successes. Love, Garald

Gennie, I hope your dreams take you to the corners of your smiles, to the highest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities, and to the most special places your heart has ever known. I am so very proud of you, so continue to excel to where ever you want to be and do! Love, Nana

With great power comes great responsibility and their is nothing more powerful than a good education. We are so proud of you and all that you have overcome along your journey. We know that you are destined to do great things. Love The Tunson Family

Congratulations graduates!



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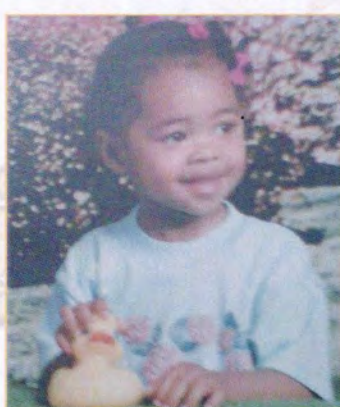
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"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears have been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, Our God, where we met Thee;
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand.
True to our GOD,
True to our native land

